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SUBJECT: RIOT POLICE MOVE PROTESTERS OUT OF STREET WITH TEAR GAS

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Classified By: Ambassador John F. Tefft for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On November 7 at 1:20 local time Georgian riot police used water cannons and tear gas to move the increasing crowd of protesters out of Rustaveli Avenue and away from the front of Parliament. Embassy Tbilisi is monitoring events.

Embassy will soon issue a warden message and is convening the EAC. Protesters remain in the side streets and on the sidewalks away from Parliament. Riot police remain in the street in front of Parliament.

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